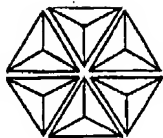



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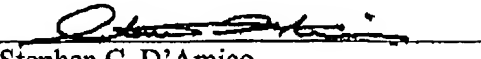
In reply to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, without traverse, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, vector, host cell and method of use. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

The Office Action further directs Applicants to elect a single invention from the above elected group. Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the polynucleotide of Invention D, directed to the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:108 encoding the polypeptide sequence provided as SEQ ID NO:109. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicant's response is timely and no extensions are necessary.

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